

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Original) A piece of jewelry comprising:

a medium that includes markings; and

a lens positioned relative to the medium to allow the lens to magnify the markings for viewing, wherein the distance between the lens and the markings remains substantially constant.

Claim 2. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein the piece of jewelry further comprises a sufficiently transparent portion fashioned at one end to form the lens so as to constitute an integral part thereof.

Claim 3. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein the piece of jewelry further comprises affixing means to affix the lens.

Claim 4. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein the markings includes at least one of symbols, numbers, letters, and natural imperfections.

Claim 5. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 4, wherein each of the symbols, numbers and letters has a dimension in the range of 1 μ m to 1 mm.

Claim 6. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 5, wherein each of the symbols, numbers and letters is formed by pixels.

Claim 7. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein the markings includes at least

one of personal markings, medical markings and general markings.

Claim 8. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 7, wherein personal markings includes at least one of a name, a date of birth, an address, an emergency contact telephone, an emergency contact person, a health card number, a bank card number, a social security number, a pin number, a password, a username, a passport number, a clothes size and an anniversary date.

Claim 9. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 7, wherein medical markings includes at least one of a blood group type, a rhesus factor, an allergy, a disease and a medication.

Claim 10. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 7, wherein general markings includes at least one of a security phone number, an address, an aphorism, a poem, a picture and a portrait.

Claim 11. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein the markings includes at least one of a two-dimensional pattern and a three-dimensional pattern.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein the piece of jewelry is one of a ring, a locket, a bracelet, an earring, a pendant, a brooch, a souvenir and a key chain.

Claim 13. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein the medium is substantially transparent.

Claim 14. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 11, wherein the medium includes at least one of a gemstone, glass and plastic.

Claim 15. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, further comprising a cavity wherein the medium is affixed.

Claims 16 – 20. (Cancelled)

Claim 21. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein a focal length of the lens is greater than a distance of the lens to the markings.

Claim 22. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, wherein the lens produces an erect, enlarged and virtual image of the markings.

Claim 23. (Original) The piece of jewelry of claim 1, further comprising a protective cover, that covers the medium for protection.

Claims 24 - 45. (Cancelled)

Claim 46. (Original) A system for conveying information, the system comprising
an object containing markings for conveying information, the markings being of a size that make the markings difficult to discern with an unaided eye; and

a magnifying lens affixed to the object so that the markings are discernible when viewed with the magnifying lens, wherein the distance between the lens and the markings remains substantially constant.

Claim 47. (Cancelled)

Claim 48. (Withdrawn) A system for conveying information, the system comprising
an object containing markings for conveying information, the markings being of a size that make the markings difficult to discern with an unaided eye; and

a magnifying lens affixed to the object so that the markings are discernible when viewed with the magnifying lens, the lens being capable of undergoing translations relative to the medium to place the lens into a proper position for viewing.

Claim 49. (Withdrawn) A system for viewing markings, the system comprising a tube shaped body; a magnifying lens disposed at one end of the body; and a medium containing markings, the medium disposed at the other end of the tube shaped body, wherein the distance between the markings and the lens is such that the markings are intelligible when viewed with the aid of the lens.

Claim 50. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 49, wherein the medium is substantially transparent to aid in viewing.

Claim 51. (Withdrawn) A system for viewing markings, the system comprising

a tube shaped body;

a first lens medium at a first end of the body for magnified viewing and for including a first set of markings therein; and

a second lens medium at a second end of the body for magnified viewing and for including a second set of markings therein, wherein a person can discern the second set of markings when viewed through the first lens medium, and the first set of markings when viewed through the second lens medium.

Claim 52. (New) A jewelry item to be worn by a user, comprising:

a body with markings; and

a lens member coupled to the body and spaced apart from the markings by a spacing distance for magnifying the markings when viewed through the lens.

Claim 53. (New) The jewelry item of claim 52, wherein the lens member is fixed in position relative to the markings.

Claim 54. (New) The jewelry item of claim 52 wherein the lens member comprises a generally transparent element separately attached to the body.

Claim 55. (New) The jewelry item of claim 52 wherein the lens member comprises an integral, generally transparent portion of the body.

Claim 56. (New) The jewelry item of claim 52 wherein the body is ring-shaped, and the lens member and markings are generally in diametrically opposing relation relative to the body.

Claim 57. (New) A method for providing a magnified image of markings on a piece of jewelry comprising:

providing an item of jewelry having a body with markings on a viewable surface of the body; and

coupling a lens to the body in spaced-apart relation from the viewable surface, the lens generating a magnified image of the markings viewable by sighting the markings through the lens.

Claim 58. (New) The method of claim 57 wherein the lens is spaced apart from the viewable surface by a spacing distance, and wherein the lens has a focal length that is greater than the spacing distance.

Claim 59. (New) The method of claim 58 wherein the lens is fixed relative to the body so that the spacing distance is constant.